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Significant Activities/DevelopmentsOffice of External Affairs

1. The question of how the Agency should respond to queries on monitoring/verification issues has been posed by two requests from ACDA for assistance in responding to queries from Senator Percy and from Senators Helms and Jepsen. ACDA passed the Percy request informally but the Helms/Jepsen questions were passed officially with a request for coordination. As you know, the SSCI has issued various guidelines over the years preserving its jurisdiction in this area. The Chairman and the Vice Chairman reasserted this position on 13 August in a letter to Senators Percy, Tower, and Hatfield. In response to ACDA's informal request for the Percy query, the Agency noted while it would assure ACDA's access to all appropriate finished intelligence on the subject, we could not assist in answering the questions posed since the SSCI would view this as a circumvention of its guidelines. In response to the request on behalf of Helms/Jepsen, we have told ACDA we would coordinate responses since this was an official request for coordination on behalf of the Executive Department. The State Department has now helped clear the air on this dilemma by issuing policy guidelines that all START/SALT inquiries be coordinated by the NSC's START Intelligence Group. [ ] has copies of all the correspondence. [ ]

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2. In early June, Senator Huddleston and his staffer John Elliff visited [ ] [ ] had lengthy discussions with embassy officials [ ] [ ] They had received in-depth briefings by appropriate agencies before they left. The Senator has now submitted the reports he and Elliff drafted on the basis of that visit to the DCI for his comment and also asked for the comments of relevant Community officials. Both reports contain considerable information on sensitive liaison relationships which we are holding for the DCI to address. The rest of the reports have been forwarded Eyes Only to State, NSA, DIA, and the FBI as appropriate, for their comment, which will be forwarded to Senator Huddleston thru the DCI. The DDI and the DDO are reviewing the reports and will provide suggested comments. [ ] [ ]

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4. Representative Robinson is taking a breather in Florida on 25 and 26 August and will be visiting various Agency facilities there. Representative Robinson asked informally if the DCI would be willing to participate in a fund-raising event he is planning, or at least allow his name to be used. We do not believe this would be appropriate and, with DCI agreement, D/OEXA will so inform the Representative. [ ]

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5. Phil Taubman of The New York Times is planning a major appraisal of the Agency during the Casey tenure for the New York Times Magazine. (You will remember [redacted] raised this with you earlier.) Taubman has requested an early interview with you after your return. [redacted]

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6. Both Houses of Congress are on recess and will reconvene on 8 September. (U)

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